

Burlington City Attorney's Comments re: Transportation Network Companies Sunset  
Via email – 4/6/22

Thank you for the email, and please thank Chair Lanpher for the opportunity to comment. I have had a chance to speak with Chris Rice about his client's interests and concerns. After consulting with Mayor Weinberger on this question, I can report that the City is comfortable with modifying our initial request to repeal the sunset provision. Instead, the City supports an extension of the sunset provision for an additional two years (amending the sunset to July 1, 2024).

The City believes this is proper as it will give the City the opportunity to work with Transportation Network Companies to review out regulatory structure and needs in the coming post-COVID period as both the City and the TNCs compile data regarding changes in use and either the re-emergence of prior issues that drove the City's efforts to regulate, or the emergence of new issues. Given Burlington's size and its Airport, which drives a substantial amount of TNC usage, we continue to believe that local ordinances are the best methods to regulate this area as such laws can navigate and be responsive to the changing landscape of vehicles for hire as new issues and impacts emerge. We appreciate the opportunity to continue these efforts, and we are happy to continue to work with our TNC partners in the private sector in developing and testing sensible ordinances and provisions that can address Burlington-specific issues as well as becoming models for broader legislation.

Best,

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